(b) whether India's performance at the Davos meeting of the World Economic Forum and also PM's discussions with German Political Leaders/German Corporate leaders/ Chief Executives of Siemens, BASF, Hoescht and other were fruitful;

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof including likely increase in German investment in our country during the year 1994-95 as compared to 1992-93 and 1993-94; and

(d) what are the countries with which P.M. has recently signed Agreement in the course of his visit abroad indicating the details thereof country-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA) : (a) The Prime Minister visited Davos (Switzerland) to attend the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum. The main thrust of PM's interventions at Davos was to highlight the progress of India's economic reforms. The Prime Minister paid an official visit to Germany from 2—5 February 1994. The main thrust of the visit was to continue the process of intensification of all round bilateral relations with Germany.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) The outcome of PM's interaction in Davos and in Germany was greater appreciation for the favourable climate for investments generated by India's economic reforms. This is likely to give further impetus to German investments in India in the coming year.

(d) No agreements were signed during the course of the visit.

सोवियत संघ से अलग हुए देशों के साथ सम्बन्ध

1037. विट्ठलराव माधवराव जाधव : क्या **विदेश** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सोवियत संघ से अलग हुए देशों के नाम क्या-क्या है और इनमे से किन-किन देशों में हमारे दूतावास हैं और वे कौन-कौन से देश हैं जहां हमारे दूतावास नहीं हैं; और

(ख) इन देशों के साथ राजनयिक और व्यापारिक सम्बन्धों को बढ़ाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० एस० भाटिया) : (क) रूस, उक्रेन, बेलारुस, कजाकस्तान, तुर्कमेनिस्तान, उजबेकिस्तान में भारत के राजदूतावास हैं। आर्मेनिया, एस्तोनिया, लात्विया, लिथुआनिया, जार्जिया, मालदोवा, अजरबेजान, किर्गिस्तान तथा ताजिकिस्तान में भारत के राजदूतावास नहीं हैं।

(ख) इन देशों के साथ राजनयिक संबंध स्थापित कर लिए गए हैं। कई राजकीय तथा सरकारी यात्राएं की जा चुकी है। अनेक करार सम्पन्न किए जा चुके हैं और अनेक विचाराधीन हैं। इन देशों के साथ सम्पन्न करारों तथा यात्राओं की सूची परिशिष्ट में दी गई है। [देखिए परिशिष्ट 170, अनुपत्र संख्या 23]

Report on Planned Bombing of air India's Airliner 'Kanishka'

1038. SHRI K. R. MALKANI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken note of the "The Globe and Mail" Canada, report that the CIA and FBI knew before hand of the planned bombing of Air India's airliner 'Kanishka' in 1985, costing 329 lives, by extremist Sikhs in league with Pakistan ;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that they did not communicate this information either to India or to Canada;

(c) whether Government have protested to the U.S. Government against this grave sin of omission on the part of its secret agencies ; and

(d) whether it will consider asking the U.S. for apology in the matter and for paying the due compensation for losses suffered ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have received adequate cooperation from US Agencies in matters pertaining to terrorist activities targetting India. Government have no evidence to conclude that information as alleged in the CBC-TV documentary and reported in the Globe and Mail, was available with the US Government.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Projection of India's New economic reforms in various countries

1039. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what steps have been taken or are being taken to project India's new economic reforms in various countries :

(b) whether Indian embassies abroad are apprising foreign investors of such reforms:

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up new cells in Indian embassies abroad for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) The Government has taken a series of steps to propagate recent economic liberalisation among potential investors in foreign countries. These steps include :

(1) Instructions to our Missions abroad to undertake comprehensive and coordinated efforts to secure widest possible dissemination of information regarding steps taken by the Government to liberalise the economy.

(2) In order to enable Missions do the above effectively a composite media package has been provided to them for dissemination to potential investors. This package includes a variety of brouchures, a floppy diskette on the theme "Doing Business with India" and a video cassette entitled "India : Land of new opportunities" all of which contain extensive information on economic policies, procedures, application forms, etc.

(3) Establishing an interactive process by which Missions are provided up-to-date information about the economic reforms programme on a regular basis and the Missions in return provide feedback on investor response as well as the reaction of the international business community to the reforms.

(4) Idendification of a set of target countries from the stand point of our investment promotion efforts and organisation of seminars with the participation of representatives from the Government, apex organisations such as FICCI, CII etc. and the private industry.

(5) Organisation of special orientation programmes for senior and middle level officials in Missions abroad engaged in economic and commercial work so as to equip them promote India as an investment destination.

(6) Production of special supplements on India in international magazines

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

Promotions in Regional Pssport Offices

1040. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
CHOWDDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the employees of the Regional Passport Offices throughout the country come under the administrative control of the Ministry of External Affairs ;

(b) if so, whether there are two sets of rules prevalent for the Ministry of External Affairs employees and Regional Passport Office employees;

(c) whether the employees of the Ministry of External Affairs are given regular promotion in Group 'D' and 'C" whereas there have not been such promotions in the Regional passport Offices; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) The employees